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PALMA, MAJORCA, Feb. 2.—The three principal islands of the Balearic group are, in size and importance respectively, Majorca, Manorca and Iviza. The first is but sixty miles from east to west and fifty miles from north to south. Cabrera and other lesser islets belong to the group, but these are trifling in size, almost uninhabited and of little general interest. The population of the islands now exceeds 300,000 souls. Majorca is by far the most beautiful of all the islands, and as one at once falls in love with her her capital city, Palma, and all her sunny-hearted folk, few who first land in Palma's sunlit bay will care to seek adventure here beyond Majorca's glowing shores.

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One of my first enthrallments here was by the water-carriers of Palma. They are not so native as those of the Azores, so bold as those of Italian cities, so voluptuous as those of Lisbon, nor so languor-one-eyed and petite as those of Granada and Seville. But I could not help thinking that here an artist would find hundreds of perfect models for a Rachel at the Well. Tall, lithe, slender but shapeless maidens are these, and their dress, carriago, features and ways constantly increase one's admiration and interest. Had they been simply animal in their sauey beauty, one study of one group atone fountain would have enswered even a sentimental traveler.

But for days I found myself, against all apparent reason, drawn to this fountain and that, making all manner of mental excuse for what my own judgment scourged me with as an accusation of impropriety. Attempt as I might to study all other lowly, become interested in the majestic cathedral, or essay tramps into the interior, back I came to the fountains to contemplate

came to the fountains to contemplate these fair maidens and endeavor to unravel the strange spell they had cast upon me. In the first place, I nover saw but one woman whose unrivalled art gave her the perfect carriage these art gave ner the perfect carriage those women unconsciously own as naturo's heritage. That woman was Sara Bernhardt. Added to this was a conscious dignity-and a not covish but superb and stately modesty which lent positive radiance to every movement, gesture or look.

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Their attire added a rare charm to all else. Their tiny feet were encased in dainty slippers. A skirt of loosely woven dark stuff fell in close and graceful folds about their long and shapely limbs. Over this lay a short mapkinike apron, spotlessly white. A dark boddice low at the neck displayed exquisite shoulders and breast, and its sleeves stopping at the elbow, where an edging of white was seen, showed the lower half of beautifully moulded arms. The head is bare, covered by a wealth of hair coiled low and heavily in the neck, giving in the sunlight the blue black lustre of the grape. The forehead is strangely wide for the Latin type; and the eyebrows, which almost meet, have the low wide arch. The eyes are large, luminous, melting, sad; and never were seen eyelashes of such length and blackness on other women. The nose is finely chiseled and the nostrils are thin and have a perceptible tremor. An oval chin, dazzling teeth, a mouth that finely chiseled and the nostrils are thin and have a perceptible tremor. An oval chin, dazzling teeth, a mouth that suggests the hot blood of the south, chastened by endless repression, with lips of crimson, complete a face of Madonna like depth of feeling. This face looks out of a filmy white kerchief drawn close beneath the chin, with points fastened with a rose or a trifle of jewelry to the hair at either side of the head; while its longest point covers the head; while its longest point covers the neck and breast to the girdled waist below.

PICTURESQUE SCENES.

In processions of a dozen to a score ending their way to and from loitering beside, the fountains, they form groupings against the quaint old walls beneath the lonely psalms, fit for Tadema's master hand. Their burdens are nover carried upon their heads. The bottom of the empty or filled ewer always rests upon the right hip, the handle against the carrier's broast, and her half bared white arm is flung carelessly around the vessel just below its

Mouth.
All inquiries regarding these beautiful water carriers of Palma brought from the native population a shrug of the shoulder with a contemptuous smile and the sneering words,

That mean't "A little long-eared owl."
I could not understand why these radiant maidens could have so offensive a name. I followed some of them about the city and then to their homes. It brought me to a strange quarter where a strange people with kindly yet said and smileless faces wrought in all labor with that patience and diligence which characterize but one race of men. This was in the "Chueta" quarter of Palma, and this is the story of the folk that live within it:

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"Death to the Jews" was the brutal cry of all good Christians in Southern Europe towards the end of the four-teenth century. In Palma they were persecuted with relentless fury, beaten with crosses of wood they had been compelled to kiss, and their houses looted and sacked. During Passion Week of 1435 they were so desperately baited that some Jews attached a slave, whom they named "Jesus," to a cross and mocked him in secret revenge. Four of the Jews concerned in the affair were condemned to be burned to death. Their condemned to be burned to death. The condemned to be burned to death. Their sentences were then commuted to death by hanging on condition of becoming Christians. As the tury of the Christians seemed to promise the murder of all the Jows in Palma, not only did the four condemued men embrace Christianity, but within two days' time more than two hundred were baptized, and eventually the entire Jewish population followed their example. The descendents of these are the folk of the Chueta quarter. They 'profess Christianity, though living wholly apart from the Majorcans of Palma. Many are rich; most are artisans such as silversmiths, weavers of ombroideries and the like; all are honest cleanly and industrious four condemned men embrace Chrisall are honest, cleanly and industrious. But their bearded, solemn men and these faces by the fountains, betray, if but faintly, the memory of those olden tragedies which can never be effaced from their inner lives and hearts.

INTERESTING STUDIES. In Palma and throughout the fair

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selves, and then among the lowliest these. The city has few great lions for sight-seers who are already familiar with the southern cities of Europe. If with the southern cities of Europe. If one has friends, or can secure them, it is true that there are no mor beautiful and exquisite examples of the Moresque-Spanish interiors than can be found in l'alma's homes. Indeed, I have never seen in art, as representative of the patio or court of the Italian, Spanish or Moslem home, anything equaling the beauty of these open courts. The stone work, while never on so grand a scale; beauty of these open courts. The stone work, while never on so grand a scale, rivals in delicacy of texture and richness of ornamentation anything to be found within the walls of the Alham-

bra.

The scenery of the bay, though not so noble as that of Naples, is far more winsome and enchanting. Then there is the ancient fortress, the Castle of Beliver, rising from one of the heights of the circling shore. It is 600 years old, and its dungeons, patio and Gothic arched galleries are among the most interesting specimens of medieval architecture in Europe. Palma's cathedral, one of in Europe. Palma's cathedral, one of the most majestic in the Latin coun-tries, was built more than seven hun-dred years ago. While the Lonja, built as an Exchange, in ratification of a con-vention between the Balearie islands and the republic of Pisa, with its massive roof supported by but four slender fluted shafts, its floor of polished black marble, and its wonderful fully carved open-work galleries, is as unique and impressive a structure as the traveler can discover among the storied haunts of the tray paringular.

of the two peninsulas.

In pretty and comfortable diligences, upon the backs of mules and donkoys, upon the backs of mules and donkeys, or better still upon your own stout legs, the remotest portions of the islands are reached, over roads that will rival England's, in scarcely more than a single day's journey. If you are simply a sightseer there is much to do and see within the little sea-girt spot. The vineyards of Binisalem and Felantix are as interesting as those about Oporto in Spain. The orange groves of that most transcendent of all Majorcan valleys, the Solier, are wondrously beautiful, and their odors are sometimes waited over the entire sometimes wafted over the entire island. The gardens of El Real at La Grange rival these of the Cinque Cento Grange rival those of the Unique Cento at Seville. Along the north coast is found some of the grandest scenery of the Mediterranean; and as I stood by the deserted atalyas or watch towers of old, from which there flashed the signals of the approach of Borbor pirates or Christian crusades, the majestic round towers of the Irish coast seemed to reconnect in all their pressions and

round towers of the Irish coast seemed to reappear in all their mysticism and utter lonliness.

The alquerias or country mansions near Albano, and at Bunola and Esporlas, with their splendid avenues, gardens and rich vestiges of Moorish architectural remains, are far more interesting than similar establishments I have at any time come upon in Shain. The any time come upon in Spain. The wonderful roadway in Italy, and half the distance winds along and upon masses of mountainside masonry tremendous thickness and height. Over near the eastern shore is Menacor, the second largest city of the island. A little distance to the northeas; is Arta, and here entered by a natural archway 140 feet high are doubtless the most wonderful grottoes of the world; and at Alcudia is one of the most famous fisherics of the Mediterranean.

VALDEMUSA.

But if none of these are seen, a visit to Valpemusa and its once famous monastery is worth a special trip to the island. With as magnificent surroundings as those of Vallombrosa in Italy, a mountain chasm is bridged by the ancient pile in so extraordinary and picturesque a way as to seem at a distance like a gray old cloud-kissed nest that has for ages, defiel deam and the that has for ages defied decay and the battling of the erial tempests there. But the gray of real decay is upon all things at Valdenusa; in the gray old church and endless cells and cloisters; in the gray old houses that nestle along the mountain side beweath its and is in the gray old houses that nestle along the mountain side beneath it; and in the gray old folk that haunt the spot like wraiths of those who once were there. An indescribable sadness lingers about this splendid Majorean relic of monkish times and days. The rich of Palma ceme here in summer and live a gay mockconventual life. George Sand half a century ago passed the most delorous winter of her life within these walls. With her was Chopin. Perhaps in these very cloisters was born the wild and inexpressible melanchely of the melodic creations of the master's

naps in these very closters was born the wild and inexpressible melancholy of the melodic creations of the master's later life. To me Valdemusa will remain more a memory of these two strange sad souls than merely a crumbling, deserted and majestic monastic relic upon the island mountains.

But best of all in Majorca you will love the peasant folk of the island and the sunny setting in which you will everywhere find them. The three classes in Majorcan provincial life are the titled landholders, the farmers who rent their land from the nobility, and the common peasant laborers who toil in the fields, forests and vineyards. The houses of the nobility are very fine and beautiful, and a large number of servants are retained. Many of the middle class farmers each control from 500 to 2,000 acres of land. Such as these possessis farmstendings spread over acres possesss farmsteadings spread overacres of ground, all surrounded by vine-cover-ed walls, and all possessing first the quaint court into which all the living rooms of the family enter, and behind this, the greater court, from which all outbuildings and granaries are reached. Many of these structures which formerly housed the country aristocracy, contain private chapels, or rather chapels into which a latticed gallery extends from the upper gallery of the court.

The structural semblance to the ancient Moorish form of habitation is preserved aven among the coline of the garryed aven among the coline of the garryed aven among the coline of the court.

served even among the cabins of the pensantry. However humble the household, all its members and belongings, even to the donkeys, goats and fowls are found within or radiating from this sunny open court. To a stranger's eye the high, appertureless outer walls would present a cheering agreed wars. high, appertureless outer walls would present a cheerless aspect, were they not covered with vines and blossom, and if the pleasant and often picturesque interiors were not meanwhile in thought and mind. These cabins are seldom isolated. Two, or three, and often a half dozen will nostle together in pleasant irregularity, and, with gnarled and ancient olive trees, clumps of fig-trees, copses of almond, and tiny groves of orange with which they are all surrounded, form the most charming countryside ed, form the most charming countryside

pictures of any southern land.

farmers' homes. From this I found that all methods of agriculture and homeside labor were of the most primitive sort, and that there were no idle folk in Majorca. Out-door labor of some kind is continuous the year round. All the women spin, knit or, weave, and I have never entered a peasant's cabin where mothers and daughters were not in some such manuer employed. Hoshave never entered a peasant's cabin where mothers and daughters were not in some such manner employed. Hospitality is charming, naive and wholehearted. The plate of figs, basin of almonds or basket of oranges with the wholesome wines of the country are ever ready for the friend or stranger's coming. I thought I had partaken of that drink of the gods, horchala, in Cuba. It is simply the pulverized kernels of the almonds, to which water and sugar is added. Here, where the almond grows in the greatest perfection, every housewife preserves huge jars of the finest nuts for horchata. The old mortar and pestle are here for their grinding. The shells and brown husks are removed and quarts of the snowy powder are literally "leached," the creamy, liquid filtering, slowly through. Then senora or senorita adds a spice of flavor, tamarind or pomeganite or perhaps a dash of wine, with her own fair hand. It is food and drink. And it is no wonder that in Majorca he entire presenter live sementaging on And it is no wonder that in Majorea the entire peasantry live sumptuously on daily wages averaging less than 20 cents for men and 15 cents for women the year through; when every manner of nature's most royal food is at every door for the taking, and in such bounteousness that where it ripons it is valueless and without price.

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Somehow there grows upon one the winsome notion that you have known all these lowly folk before; that you have seen there festas and known their songs in the sunny vales of Guba, over in the glowing vales of Guines; that you have come upon their brightness and cleanliness among the Alps of Switzerland; that their generosity and hospitality were met in Connemara and Donceal; that their thrift and frugality hospitality were met in Connemara and Donegal; that their thrift and frugality have their congener among the Penn-sylvanic Dutch; and that their love of home and simple village always carry you to the pleasant mountain vales among the shining English lakes. Surely they are an idyllic people in an idyllic land. Want is unknown; crime is unheard of. There are no politics in Majorca, and but one religion. All this in time may change. But as I know it and you can know it, now, little Majorca, fashioned in matchless beauty becauth the state of the state o neath a smiling sun, is the one land of plenty and content.

EDGAR L. WAKEMAN.

NOT PREPARED TO SAY.

Cleveland Does Not Deny That Frank Hurd Will Present Ills Name

NEW YORK, Feb. 26,-Mr. Cleveland arrived in the city at 7 o'clock vestermorning in a private car attached to the Chicago express. He was accompanied by Mr. Richard Watson Gilder. The by Mr. Richard Watson Gilder. The ex-President attracted much attention as he walked down the station platform and at the doorway was forced to run the gauntlet of a hundred curious eyes. He looked rather travel worn, but he answered a reporter's greeting in a cheerful tone.

"I do not know of anything of interest that I can say for publication." he

"I do not know of anything of interest that I can say for publication," he said. "I'm tired out and am going right to Lakewood to rest."

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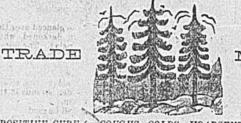
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